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SUBJECT: R/V EASTWARD CLEARANCE REQUEST, 29 SEPT - 13 OCT
1978

1. R/V EASTWARD, A PRIVATE VESSEL OPERATED BY THE DUKE UNIVERSITY MARINE LABORATORY AND FUNDED BY THE NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION, IS PLANNING TO CONDUCT ANOTHER MARINE SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH OFF THE COAST OF MOROCCO. THE PURPOSE OF THE RESEARCH IS TO DETERMINE THE GEOLOGIC ORIGIN OF THE STRAIT OF GIBRALTAR. THE PROJECT WILL ATTEMPT TO DETERMINE HOW THE STRAIT OF GIBRALTAR ORIGINATED IN THE GEOLOGIC PAST AND HOW IT HAS BEEN MODIFIED THROUGH GEOLOGIC TIME. THE INVESTIGATION WILL INVOLVE SOME RELATIVELY SHALLOW SEISMIC PROFILES TRAVERSING THE STRAIT FROM THE EUROPEAN TO THE AFRICAN SIDE IN ORDER TO DETERMINE THE BEDROCK CONFIGURATION OF THE STRAIT AND THE SUBSEQUENT SEDIMENT FILL OF THE STRAIT.

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2. THE CHIEF SCIENTIST IS DR. NORMAN HYNNE OF THE UNIVERSITY OF TULSA WHO WILL BE ASSISTED BY 15 OTHER SCIENTISTS. SHIP'S CAPTAIN IS R. SANDOY WITH A CREW OF 15.

3. BERTHS ARE AVAILABLE FOR TWO GOM PARTICIPANTS WHO COULD MEET THE SHIP IN TARANTO ON OR ABOUT 27 SEPT AND

DISEMBARK IN CADIZ ON ABOUT 13 OCT. FURTHER INFO WILL BE PROVIDED LATER IF PARTICIPATION IS DESIRED. ALL DATA RESULTS WILL BE FREELY SHARED WITH GOM. A STATION LOCATION CHART IS BEING POUCHED.

4. R/V EASTWARD IS 284 GROSS TONS, 117.5 FT. LONG WITH A 12.5 FT. DRAFT. RADIO CALL SIGN IS WY 9219 AND SHIP MONITORS STANDARD EMERGENCY FREQUENCIES.

5. EQUIPMENT WILL CONSIST OF AN AIR GUN PROFILING SYSTEM.

6. PORT CALLS ARE AS FOLLOW:

TARANTO, ITALY - 26-29 SEPT
CADIZ, SPAIN - 13-14 OCT

7. ACTION: EMBASSY IS REQUESTED TO SEEK CLEARANCE FOR R/V EASTWARD TO CONDUCT MARINE SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH IN GOM TERRITORIAL WATERS DURING PERIOD 29 SEPT - 13 OCT 1978.

FYI: DUKE HAS INFORMED DEPT THAT TEXACO IS CONDUCTING NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE GOM CONCERNING PETROLEUM EXPLOITATION. IF AGREEMENT IS REACHED TEXACO MAY BE INTERESTED IN SPONSORING A RESEARCH PROGRAM ABOARD THE EASTWARD IN THE AREA OF THE ALBORAN RIDGE, WHICH COULD FOLLOW OR BE ADDED TO THIS CRUISE. WE WILL INFORM YOU WHEN NEW INFO IS ACQUIRED. HOWEVER, WE RECOMMEND THAT THIS REQUEST LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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SHOULD PRESENTLY BE HANDLED AS A SEPARATE REQUEST. ADDITIONALLY, EMBASSY IS AWARE THAT PREVIOUS CRUISE RAISED PROBLEM OF FREE PUBLICATION AND DISSEMINATION OF DATA. WE RECOMMEND NOT RAISING ISSUE WITH GOM BUT MERELY SUBMITTING REQUEST SAYING THAT DATA WILL BE FREELY SHARED WITH GOM, ETC. IF GOM RAISES THIS ISSUE WE WOULD RECOMMEND USE OF OUR PREVIOUS ARGUMENTS USED FOR FIRST CRUISE FOR PLACING NO RESTRICTIONS ON DISSEMINATION OF DATA. END FYI. VANCE

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